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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA IN SC

1. USUN 4310 TRANSMITS TEXT OF A THIRD AFRICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FIRST DRAFT, FORWARDED IN USUN 4251, WAS PRODUCT OF CAMEROONIAN DESIRE TO SHOW AFRICAN GROUP THAT IT WAS NOT STOOGE OF FRENCH, IN REALIZATION (HOPE) THAT TOUGH LANGUAGE WOULD NOT WASH. SINCE EACH OF AFRICAN MEMBERS OF SC HAD BEEN ASKED BY AFRICAN GROUP TO PREPARE DRAFT, OUR SOURCE CONTINUES, KENYANS THEN WROTE TEXT FORWARDED IN USUN 4277, "ROUGH" LANGUAGE CONCERNING ARMS EMBARGO WAS ADDED AFTERWARDS. TEXT IN USUN 4310 WAS PREPARED BY MAURITANIA.

2. "NON-ALIGNED" APPARENTLY ARE NOT READY TO REVIEW ANY DRAFT, AND WILL NOT YET DO SO. KENYANS ARE WORKING ON A FOURTH DRAFT, WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL CALL ON SOUTH AFRICA TO EFFECT CERTAIN KEY ACTIONS ON APARTHEID WITHIN A YEAR; IF THESE MEASURES ARE NOT TAKE, SC AGAIN WILL REVIEW "RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND UN", WITH CLEAR THREAT OF EXPULSION.

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3. OUR SOURCE CONTINUES THAT THIS FOURTH DRAFT WILL BE

TABLED LATE FRIDAY, WITH NON-ALIGNED APPROVAL TO BE SOUGHT OVER WEEKEND AND, WITH SC VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE MAY BE WISHFUL THINKING, BUT IT DOES OFFER SOME OPTIMISM. KENYAN INITIATIVE MAY BE PARTIALLY RESULT OF APPROACH MADE TO PERMREP MAINA OCT 21 BY UK PERMREP RICHARD. INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WEIGNED AGAINST STATEMENT MADE TO AMB BENNETT BY KENYAN DEPUTY PERMREP KITI OCT 21. KITI, A SERIOUS-MINDED LAWYER, TOLD BENNETT HE HAD MADE EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF DUMBARTON OAKS AND SAN FRANCISCO PROCEEDINGS AS WELL AS CHARTER AND HAD CONCLUDED ON BASIC SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD HE COULD FIND NO ARGUMENTS ON WHICH KENYA COULD BASE OPPOSITION TO EXPULSION. MEANWHILE, WE ARE CONTINUING OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELS, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, COSTA RICA, INDONESIA AND PERU. RUMORS CONTINUE RIFE FOR MOMENT, INCLUDING STORY SOVS ARE FLOATING THAT US WOULD NOT VETO EXPULSION RESOLUTION. THIS, WE ARE TOLD, IS MEANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE MODERATE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION, BASED UPON PREMISE THAT AFRICANS REALLY DO NOT WISH TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA, AND WOULD SHY AWAY FROM PROSPECT OF EXPULSION RESOLUTION SUCCEEDING. SCALI

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